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**Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley Announces
Former East Rochester Police Sergeant Receives Jail Time for
Drunk Driving Crash**

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley announced today, March 6, 2012, that former East Rochester Police Sergeant Paul Monachino was sentenced to six months in the Monroe County Jail for causing an accident June 14, 2011, in which three high school seniors were injured.

Monachino, who was off-duty, was intoxicated at the time when he veered into oncoming traffic on Fairport Road in the Town of Perinton, striking a mini-van operated by Christopher Dorofy. Dorofy, who was pinned in the vehicle for hours after the accident, is still in a wheelchair as his leg continues to heal. The two other teens in Dorofy's van suffered minor injuries.

"Mr. Monachino deserves jail time not because he is or is not a police officer, but because he made a thoughtless decision that will continue to impact the lives of three young men. He should have known better," stated Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. "Mr. Monachino has seen the effects of this crime and how it impacts our community first hand, both as a victim of a 1995 crash in which he himself was injured, and as someone sworn to uphold the law."

Judge Joanne Winslow also sentenced Monachino to five years probation, ignition interlock and license revocation, based upon his plea to Vehicular Assault in the Second Degree, a Class-E Felony, two counts of Driving While Intoxicated and one count of Reckless Driving. Monachino pled guilty to the indictment in December 2011.